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MARRIAGE.

On the 2nd Aug., at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, by the Rev. Ireland Blackbourn, Rector of Warrington, the author, and the Rev. Dr. D. C. M. F. P. F. R. R. of the Grange, a daughter, youngest son of the late Sir Edmund Antrobus, Bart., to EMILY widow of the late W. L. H. Hope Edwards, of Necton, Salop, and daughter of Col. I. Ireland, Blackbourn, Hale Hall, Lancashire.

The author, Mr. F. W. MITCHELL, Esq.

nings in changes, and they can hardly fail to conceive the idea that this unexpected present is meant to introduce the thin end of the wedge as to the railway question, and to start a line in a way which would not be permitted, were a more ordinary course reported to. If such is the fact, they will not find it difficult to bring all the arguments which have been constantly advanced by them against the introduction of railways into China, to bear upon the unfortunate gift railway, and the likelihood, therefore, is that it will be kept up until the railway question generally has been settled.

We notice from their papers to hand that the present one, that of the Japanese students has taken honour in the London University.

CHROMO-LITHOGRAPH

OF THE STEAMER "SHANGHAI".

The "Shanghai" steamer, which arrived here yesterday, the 15th instant, is owned by Mr. Alfred Holt, of Liverpool, and is to run between Shanghai and Hankow, a distance of 700 miles, in connection with his line of Ocean steamers. Her appearance and proportions are much similar to the Canton steamers "Kiau-kiang" and "Kiau-hing". Her gross tonnage is 1,000, and her net tonnage 600. Above the Saloon deck there is a hurricane deck, 12 feet wide, on top of which is the deck-house, forecast. She is "sleigh" built, constructed of iron, and schooner rigged.

The town deck is fitted up especially for cargo, but the main, or spar deck, is fitted in a superb manner, with all the conveniences of a first-class passenger boat.

The fore part of the ship is built to accommodate 120 berths. A large saloon occupies the middle of the ship. A large cabin, upholstered in American leather, and otherwise, is in the stern deck. The cabin is built around: On the whole, the room is a very fine one, having card-tables, pantry arrangements, and other necessities of a complete character. There are a complete set of state rooms, which are placed on deck, and are fitted up in a manner to model of this saloon and cabin, and are made of the best materials.

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## Extracts.

RONDEL.

J. R. BAYWOOD.  
O foolish heart, thy joy may chance to grief  
The brightest day will darken, being brief  
The fairest flower, unfolding leaf by leaf,  
Must, in full blossom, with her petals part,  
O to lish heart!

O chaste heart, the clouds will veil the sky  
With swift advance the winter draweth nigh  
And soon, in gloom, will shewing light depart  
The song of mirth with the weary sigh  
The throb of anguish with thy pulses start  
O careless heart!

O happy heart, content with passing joy,  
Joy bringeth, the strain the mirthful birds  
employ,  
Where summer sunbeams through the bran  
chea  
They bringing chalice is without alloy,  
Without the bitterness the yearn impart,  
O happy heart!

Liverpool: Abson.

## CATCHING AN OCTOPUS.

One of the Crooks hooked a large Octopus, or (their Creole name), *Octopus vulgaris*. No sooner was it on the hook than it darted its long tentacles up the pole, and wound one of its shiny feelers, with its double row of cup-like suckers, round his arm. The knife was instantly applied, and the limb severed from the body of the fish; but even then it was with difficulty that it could be detached, the suckers possess such remarkable tenacity. After removal, a sense of numbness remained a good while in the arm. The brute was, however, dislodged from his hold, and proved to be a large one, measuring ten feet from tip to tip of the tentacles. I had often seen this animal on the spurs, but had always given it the name of its place—the great bulk of him of many a winkle, and without which there was scarcely any. The incidents are not very striking; they are at times very sad, and they are always very natural. There are no great surprises, strange deaths or crimes, and straightforward processes. The hair is stand to end, and it weigh like a lightning-bolt to the spirit for many a day afterwards. Every body has had a dragoon as deep and bottomless as those which are depicted in these pages; but because such things have fallen in the fate of the many, they are shown by inferior craters when casting about for materials for new stories. But we can live and sympathise so well till we have read and digested by under-hand. It is part of their great value sometimes to cause a slighter interest into the activity of feeling, and if a novelist were called upon to tell us of his rason d'être, he could scarcely find a better one than this—*Edinburgh Review*.

## VIOLETS AND BRILLIANTS.

Over another couch hung a small sketch in water-colours, which much attracted my attention, and when I asked the subject of it, Prince Louis smiled. "A little reminiscence of my youth," he said, "painted by the artistic hand of Madame Cochet, who was then my governess. The lady in the long train, and with brilliants in her hair—that is my dear mother, and that little fellow in front of her, to whom she is bending down—that is myself. It was in the days of prosperity and splendour, as you see by the *öréve* of ladies and gentlemen behind. At that time, madame, we lived in Paris, when I was not an honorary burgher of Thuringia, but the nephew of the Emperor Napoleon." He sighed; but soon banishing his melancholy sadness, he resumed his genial manner. "I will tell you the story of this little picture, and why it was drawn," he continued. "There was a ball at the Tuilleries given by the Empress, and my mother had dressed magnificently for it, and when she came into our room my brother and I gazed at her with great admiration. She appeared to us like some fairy out of the tales with which Madame Cochet used to entertain us when we had done our lessons well. The Queen perceived our youthful pleasure; 'You find my beautiful tonight, my dear children; but to me this little bunch of violets in my belt seems more beautiful than all the diamonds and pearls I possess.' She detached the little bouquet and held it out to us. They were my favourite flowers, and I received out my hand full them. 'With thou—have them Louis,' said my mother; 'or wouldst thou prefer one of these diamonds?' 'Keep the diamonds and give me the violets,' said I. My mother smiled. 'Right, Louis,' she said; 'the diamonds have no scent, and give no joy to the heart. Keep thy love for the violets, they bloom every spring, and make me happy even when one has no jewels.' 'But thou will always have jewels, where Queen,' said my brother; 'and when one has them, one can always buy plenty of violets.' My mother answered sadly: 'Who knows, my son, whether we shall always be rich, and looked up to us as we are now? I wonder what you two would do if all our splendour and wealth were taken away? How would you set about gaining your livelihood?' 'I should become a soldier,' said my brother. 'I should win battles, and conquer kingdoms,' as our uncle did. 'And thou, my little Louis?' asked my mother. I had been turning the question over in my childish head for some minutes. 'At best, I said, 'I, chère mame, should get rich, and sell them in bouquets for us, like the little boy who always stands at the door of the Tuilleries.' The gentlemen and ladies laughed at this, but my mother bent down and kissed me. That is the moment, madame, which Madame Cochet has tried to represent in the picture which she painted and presented to my mother, in memory of this little scene. She always kept it hanging here; and on the day she died she sent it to me at once more; and said to me: 'Louis, be always content with the violets, they will outlast the brilliants.'—*Tim's Magazine* for July.

## MONEY AND MATRIMONY.

Money is gradually buying up even hearts and feelings. I believe the time will come when it will be the fashion to serve up five delicious pieces, instead of biscuits, with a sherry. "I don't see, after all," said Mrs. Stanley, "that violent love matches are always such a great success. You remember how smitten poor Jon Lofty was for twelve months. He ran away with the girl afterwards, and I'm sure I never saw two people so sick of each other as they are now. I'm positive, they hate one another." "Most cordially, I'll allow, Jane." "At first, Mrs. Stanley went on, "people said how charming they were, and how nicely matched, and all that; so thoroughly suited to each other, and what not; in fact, it was six and one-half-a-dozen of the other, till—Till it was discovered to be six and seven—that's the next stage, which is very difficult, though it sounds nearly the same, continued my lady. "He discovered that he didn't want a needle, and she began to find out that she had just got what she didn't want to get. But you know, Jane, an exception merely proves a rule, they say; and, even if it doesn't prove it to a woman's satisfaction, it is no reason, because our house is burned down, that we are to give up fires. A moneyless match may be a foolish thing, and may still be very happy; a loveless match is a fatal thing, and can never be happy in the sense in which anyone who has been in love understands the word."

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"The Early Days of Napoleon III," in *The Gentleman's Magazine*.

## MARRIAGE IN INDIAN LIFE.

Passing through an Indian—say a Cossack—village of a morning, you may chance to see a young fellow wrapped up in his blanket, sitting crouched up in the doorway of one of the lodges. That young man has come on a delicate errand. He is a lover, and this is why of going about the rather delicate business of taking a wife. By-and-by the occupants of the lodge will be up and walk out, sobbing taking the slightest notice of him. For a week this may go on, every day the young man coming and then returning without being noticed. At last, if he is agreeable in the eyes of the parents, he is asked in and food set before him; if he is an honoured guest, the food, such as the roasted or dried salmon, being prepared by the master of the house, and business opened. His friends bring forward the presents he is prepared to give to the damsel, or an equivalent for the same, until he has no more. If the father is satisfied, all is well; if not, he must go elsewhere. This is the general rationale of Indian marriage—merely purchase. However, the Indian themselves stoutly deny that it is so, and possibly with truth. They say, that the presents are not given as the price of the wife, but only to express her value and rank, a woman of low status in society being sold at a price. If the father is in a way of any tax at all, he will send back with his daughter fully as much as he received. All I can say is that this is so rare that I never heard of it more than once or twice. Netrobust, in early youth, of even childhood, are common, and, as an earnest of good faith, the parents on both sides deposit a certain amount of goods, commonly blankets. These blankets are generally respected, a kind of engagement being a serious cause of difference to the impediment. Through at best, the price of the future wife is tolerably well known, yet the father can raise it, if in the opinion of the majority of her tribe, he has materially improved since the date of that marriage; though, curiously enough, this is not to happen rather rarely. The betrothal may be cancelled if during the interval the lover's third offer for her, is refused, supposing that no price has been fixed at the time of betrothal; but this is generally given to him with a view to avoid trouble in future, this notice is therefore given.

KUNG-HING.

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